

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2008 – 7:00PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

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

COACH MENTOR Al Brown a
GAME AND CONDUCT Chad Kanngiesser a
REFEREE IN CHIEF Rick Plante a
LOWER ASSIGNER Denny Pannenbecker x
UPPER ASSIGNER Rick Plante a
INITIATION Sam Atsinger xe
NOVICE Shawn Playford x
ATOM Darin Gill x
Dwayne West x
PEEWEE Mike Kozak a
BANTAM Herb Woltjer x
MIDGET Lisa Otto a
FEMALE Sandi Gouchie x

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

Troy started the meeting at 7:06 pm. Others in attendance were Darcy Arnold, Michelle Pierson, Connie Lofstrand.

- 1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Lin Luymes moved to accept the minutes from the past meeting as presented. Herb Woltjer seconded the motion. Carried. 0 opposed.**

Sam Atsinger had to leave early so she gave her reports early.

INITIATION – Everything is going well.

CONCESSION – Some menu item prices were raised. (coffee, tea and chips)

We have hired 4 supervisors and 1 student. We still need more students. Will have ad in paper to advertise. Are presently taking parents' phone numbers for Carol to call when she needs workers. The concession has a skateboard to donate to some tournament. Vanessa and Cassie still need to be paid from the Rebels game and suppliers need payment as well. Sherri is to follow up on this. May have to review wages for students as have not had a lot of interest in the positions. Maybe need to be more competitive.

- 2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Troy Rider**

Ice return policy The return policy is now in effect. Please review the policy so you are sure of the process. Return ice as soon as your team knows they are not going to use it. Team reps need to attend meetings to get all information back to each team. Troy has set meetings for the third Thursday of each month to make it easier to remember.

Referee Scheduling

- When you pickup or cancel a game, contact the assigner as soon as possible.
- Coaches and/or Managers are to confirm weekly ice schedule (games) on the Web, email the Fishers' by Monday and confirm that their team game schedule is correct.
- Referee assigner will assign referee to games posted on the Web, game changes need to be communicated to the ref assigner and ice convenor. Please follow the process of reviewing schedule on the Web and then contacting Tom, Rick and Denny.

Team Pictures As coordinators, Connie and Michelle reported on this.

- Pictures will be taken on October 27th. Photographers will only need 6 hours to take all pictures.
- Packages with order forms will go out to all reps or managers.
- Pictures will start with Novice at 3:45 and go up from there. Please review your teams' time and be sure they are ready on time.
- Michelle and Connie need team sponsor lists from Shawn. They also need a LMH logo for the photographer.
- The Female teams were looking to change their time as they have a few coaches gone on the scheduled day. Can maybe set something up with photographer.
- Deadlines: Pictures taken by October 31st. Sponsor pictures to them by November 15th and pictures back to players by December 1st.
- There is no fee for Sponsor pictures. Parents are to pay upfront for theirs.
- Samples of pictures can be viewed at www.lensdude.com.
- Ice is set aside for this, players need full gear, dressing rooms may be a problem with all players coming and going.

Managers Meeting The meeting has been set for Tuesday October 21st. Arena upper lobby. This meeting is set to ensure all teams are "on the same page". All managers are to attend this important meeting.

Coach Clinics There will be clinics taking place for the next few weekends. All clinics will start at 8:30 AM, at the Junior High School. Please bring lunches

- Coach Level on Sat. October 18.
- Safety on Sun. October 19.
- Speak Out on Sun. October 26.

Checking Skills will be coming in November. Please register with Troy for a clinic. Most are full but there is still room in Speak Out. Each clinic can handle about 25 people. Refreshers can just drop in.

Coach Speaker Lacombe Minor Hockey has teamed up with Ringette to bring a special speaker in to talk to our coaches. The speaker is said to be quite phenomenal and helps with motivating kids. This is recommended for head coaches but all coaching staff can attend. Please let Al Brown know who will be

attending. This meeting is set for October 22, Curling Rink Lobby at 7:00 pm. This event will be about two hours long.

Team Contact Lists All teams need to get lists to Lin Luymes. These lists need to go to Tom as well.

Casino Lacombe Minor Hockey has a casino to work this year. It is on December 8th and 9th. This is a Monday and Tuesday. We need directors to push for people to volunteer. Positions that need filling are: General Manager, Alternate General Manager, Banker, Cashier, Runner, and Count Room Supervisor. Sandi Gouchie said to remind volunteers that they cannot show up early to their shift to gamble beforehand.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING – Sonia Heck Sonia reported that as we have talked about several fundraising options (calendars, coffee, cash lottery, Sobeys cards) Sonia suggested that maybe fundraising packages could be put together for each family including Cash Lottery tickets and Sobeys cards.

Discussion followed on fundraising, specifically on how to incorporate Sobeys cards and how Ringette does it. LMHA has \$50000 available for this. Troy said for us to go ahead with this as a main fundraiser, it would have to be brought forth at a General Meeting. Maybe get everything in place first, all info, start promotion on it and bring it in next year.

More discussion on how to handle the issue for now. Our main concern is to bring in more funds to keep fees down. This could be done as a trial this year, by word of mouth, cash sales only, maybe at tournaments.

**.Gord McLennan moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey do a trial run for \$25000 of Sobeys cards, for the 2008 - 2009 season. Motion was seconded by Dwayne West.
10 for 3 opposed 0 abstained Carried.**

There will be a separate bank account set up for this and Sonia Heck will be the main contact person. Sonia is to get more information on the set up of this from Lara Fodor.

LMHA has to reapply next spring for the Oilers 50/50. If any team is interested in Calendar and/or coffee sales as a team fundraiser, please contact Sonia or Troy.

Sonia needs all team lists, with players, parents and managers names.

TREASURER – Sherri Straub – Nothing to report.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes – Lin reported that there are 277 players registered.

20 teams 3 Initiation 3 Atom 3 Bantam Female Bantam
 4 Novice 3 Peewee 2 Midget Female Midget

Lin had lists to hand out for all teams to look over. If someone is missing from your list please let Lin know as they will not be able to coach/assist/manage if they are not on the list.

Numbers of players registered on each team as of today are as follows:

Initiation	Novice	Atom	Peewee	Bantam	Midget	Female
14	11	15	14	10	13	15
13	11	16	15	13	18	13
13	12	17	16	16		
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EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Kevin Frank LMH has picked up some extra goalie equipment. If any team is needing anything, give Sheldon or Kevin a call. Troy said all Novice goalie equipment needs upgrading, but blockers and gloves are critical now. There was a set of jerseys ordered for Atoms. Dwayne said that pucks are not readily available. Kevin will get pucks to teams; it is teams' responsibility to look after pucks.

COACH MENTOR – Al Brown – absent Clinics and Coach Speaker were discussed earlier.

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett Shawn reported that the sponsor banner is done, with all sponsors listed. It can be displayed at all tournaments. Be sure to use sponsors names when submitting write-ups for the paper. Heather Pickett from the Globe will be doing her own write-ups. Sunny 94 will be doing promotion for us on their 94 Second timeout and will be advertising for tournaments. Please mention sponsors names for all radio and paper promotions. As we are moving forward we will be looking at increasing sponsor fees to get new jerseys every year for each team.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Chad Kanngiesser – absent Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante – absent Rick will be present to talk to managers at their meeting.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Dawn Pecharsky – absent Troy reported that the Peewees have had 2 planning meetings, the Bantams had had their first meeting and Atoms have their first one coming up. It is the Females' year to host a tournament if they want to. Darcy Arnold said the Bantams have interest, but their goalie is gone then. LMH will have to know by next meeting if the Females' wish to go ahead with a tournament.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger Sam reported earlier in the meeting.

FUNDRAISING – Sonia Heck Sonia reported earlier in the meeting.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION – Sam Atsinger Sam reported earlier in the meeting.

Denny has started booking refs for games and all is looking OK. Troy reminded to make sure all schedules get to Denny so he can book games. Denny's email address is dpannenbecker@wesco.com and phone number 598-5903

NOVICE – Shawn Playford Everything is going good. Had a glitch with the ice schedule, but is all figured out now.

ATOM – Darin Gill/Dwayne West All is straight forward. Good to go. Had 3 preseason games and all teams are to play this weekend. Darin said having 2 people as directors works well.

PEEWEE – Mike Kozak Everything going good.

BANTAM – Herb Woltjer B and C are playing preseason. A team is playing league games. Has been in contact with someone wanting to register.

MIDGET – Lisa Otto – absent

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie

Darcy Arnold reported that the Bantams are OK. Have had one exhibition game done.

Sandi reported that the Midgets missed 2 preseason games. They were lacking players. She asked if these need to be made-up. Troy said to submit a form to the Governor to set up the make-up games. Sandi also asked about the Bentley team, if LMH would get the girls back if their team folds. Unsure of what Bentley is doing yet.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Lin reminded that players registered as goaltenders in Peewee and up can only play as a goalie. For Atom and down they can play both goalie and as an out-skater.
- Gord wanted to address the fact of no alternative female dressing room as of yet. Troy is to talk to the Town on this yet. He approached them back in August and was told to come before council in September. Nothing has become of it yet.
- Sherri reported that wages for the concession staff was;
Supervisor \$11/hour to start
Student \$8.50/hour to start
Parents \$8/hour to start.

6. **NEXT MEETING** The next meeting is set for November 20th. 7:00 pm
Arena upper lobby.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** Troy adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm.