

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 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 McCreia xe
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Sheldon Kuhn a
Kevin Frank x
TOURNAMENT CHAIR Dawn Pecharsky x
ICE CONVENER Tom/ Diane Fisher x
CONCESSION CONVENER Sam Atsinger x
SPONSORSHIP Shawn Leggett a
FUNDRAISING Sonia Heck x

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

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

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

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. As there was no minutes ready, Susan read from her notes for a recap of highlights from the past meeting. **Kevin Frank moved to accept the minutes from the past meeting as presented. Gord McLennan seconded the motion. Carried.**
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Troy Rider
Rebels Game Troy reported that the Rebels Game, held on September 12th, was once again a success.
 - o At last numbers we made \$4500 cash, about the same as last year.
 - o The tailgate party was good. A few improvements could be made, more promo, more people to work it would be good.
 - o The Rebels say we are the best run preseason game around and they would like to return again next season. Thanks were given to all who helped make the evening a success.

Vacant LMHA Operating Committee Positions All vacant positions were filled shortly after the General Meeting.

Tournament Chair – Dawn Pecharsky
Fundraising Coordinator – Sonia Heck
Upper Referee Assigner – Rick Plante
Lower Referee Assigner – Denny Pannenbecker
Thank you to these people for filling these positions.

Compensation for positions This has been discussed before at several meetings as of late.

- o Many other associations are compensating their referee assigners and ice conveners. Their busy jobs start in August and don't quit until April.

- A subcommittee has been formed to look into the possible hiring of a Paid General Manager to take on these positions. Until then it was felt that LMHA could compensate these people in some manner.
- Other associations are using one or two systems:
Honorarium – LMHA could give out gift cards, grocery cards, coupons etc.
Expense claims – LMHA would pay for gas, mileage, phone bills etc. whatever they might want to submit a receipt for.
- Troy has talked with several associations and Hockey Alberta and this is what a lot are doing. Gord said compensation varied from \$2 a game up to \$500 a month. In Lacombe 250 games were scheduled for Peewee and up. 140 games for Atom and lower. This does not include exhibition or playoff games.

Discussion followed. Troy said \$3600 was put into the budget this season in case LMHA wanted to go this route. Fair compensation might be:

\$250 a month for Lower Assigner for 5 months
 \$400 a month for Upper Assigner for 6 months
 \$400 a month for Ice Convener for 6 months.

- The association would be over budget going with these numbers. The equipment budget is usually under budget and some could be shuffled over from here to even things out.
- Stettler and Rocky compensate their positions up to \$700 a month.

Discussion followed on potential compensation.

Kevin Frank moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey Association compensate with an honorarium consisting of: \$250 a month for Lower Referee Assigner, \$400 a month for Upper Referee Assigner and \$400 a month for Ice Convener. These numbers to be re-evaluated at any time. Mike Kozak seconded the motion.

0 opposed 5 abstained Carried.

Abstainers were Tom, Rick, Gord, Denny and Susan.

Team Play in Hobbema There was unease with all the violence of late happening in Hobbema. There are safety concerns for our players playing there. Troy contacted Hockey Alberta with concerns for our players. Troy received a letter back. Some key points from the letter were:

- No games will be played late at night.
- All violence was gang related.
- There are no gang members playing on Hobbema MH teams.
- There is a 10pm curfew for anyone under 17.
- RCMP will patrol the arenas.
- Security cameras will be installed in the arena.

They assure us that everything possible is being done to keep all players safe.

Team Pictures Coordinators are in place. LMH has deadlines in place to get sponsor photos out in a timely manner.

- An Edmonton photographer has been found. They only need 2 weeks for completion of all photos. There are no details on cost yet.
- Sponsor pictures should be back and out Nov 15. Team and Individual pictures should be back by Dec 1.
- They only do on-ice shots. Probably need about 20 hours total to take all.
- All players may not want an individual picture but every team must have one team sponsor picture taken with all players included.

Special Events LMHA has added a few tournaments to our schedule. All tournament dates have been set.

Peewee	November 14, 15, 16
Bantam Boys	November 21, 22, 23
Atom	December 12, 13, 14
Female	January 9, 10, 11
Initiation/Novice	February 6, 7, 8
Provincial Tournament	March 13, 14, 15

Provincial weekend is open to any team interested in hosting. Talk to Troy.

Coach Meeting There is a meeting set for Thurs. Oct. 2 7:00 pm in the arena upper lobby. There is also a managers meeting to come. Information soon.

Clinics to take place in Lacombe:

Coach Level	October 18
Safety	October 19
Speak Out	October 26

Lin reported that LMH did not get approval for a Checking Skills clinic as Hockey Alberta is revamping the program. We should get approval mid-October and then a clinic date will be set.

Team Contact Lists All teams must get contact lists into Ice Convener and Ref. Assigners ASAP. Lin and Troy need these lists as well. Team managers and/or Team reps are to attend all LMHA operating committee meetings. They are also to get all scores into Sunny 94 radio station. Sunny will be doing free publicity for us. Email: sports@sunny94.com or Hotline: 403 786-0194

Lin reported that the North Central Manager meeting is set for October 6 at the Livingstones Church in Red Deer. Atom to Peewee at 7:00 pm
Bantam to Midget at 8:30 pm

Chevy Safe and Fun Jamboree This is for Initiation age players. Troy will meet with Sam to plan this. This is a great event for the little guys. They receive a free jersey and have on and off ice activities. Tom and Troy to pick a date for this.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER – Sherri Straub Sherri reported that LMH has received an invoice for insurance for the Outdoor Rink. Troy to talk to Calvin on this, as LMH does not do this anymore.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes Lin reported that no team can play in a league organized game before they are carded. Bantams and Midgets will be done soon as they have games on Friday. Lin also needs to know which players are being carded up or down on teams with small numbers sharing players. All out of town or transfers need all proper paperwork in order to be carded.

Discussion followed on imports and players from towns with no team. Pee wee and Bantam had a few import players come for inexpensive ice and having no intention of staying to play in Lacombe.

More discussion on registration fees. Maybe we need to revamp the tryout system. A few kids are quitting after not making a particular team. Maybe we should be keeping a portion of their fees.

Lin needs all coaches' full name, address, phone number and birth date. Phone 403-304-2898 or email alluymes@xplornet.com with this information.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Kevin Frank Kevin had been busy making sure teams have equipment. Everyone should look through their lockers and make sure all have jerseys and pucks. Some teams might need new blockers and catchers. Let Kevin know if you need anything. Keys will be passed out at coaches meeting.

COACH MENTOR – Al Brown There is the coaches meeting on Thursday.

Kevin will be there to talk about equipment. Rick will be there to talk about refs.

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett absent Troy reported that Shawn is doing a good job. He is hitting up new businesses and getting new sponsors.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger New people have applied to work. Will be setting up interviews and hopefully be hiring soon. Carol is to return as Supervisor.

Concession should be open after Thanksgiving.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Chad Kanngiesser absent Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante Rick reported that the referee clinic was quite successful. There are 24 Level I refs, 15 years old and younger. 10 are new. There are 5 more to attend a clinic. There are 20 refs that are 16 years old and older. There are 4 new adults and 5 more to attend clinics. We have lots of returnees from last season. We will continue with the shadowing program as it is a good tool in building confidence in the younger refs.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Dawn Pecharsky Dawn questioned if she needed a licence for the 50/50's or prize table. Dawn is to talk to Deb Salmon to get particulars on this. All divisions let Dawn know when you are having your tournament planning meetings as she needs to attend. Her job is to oversee planning and make sure everything is going well.

Denny said he had filled in a bid package before to host Provincials and it was a big job with lots of work to be done. If anyone interested in hosting please let Troy know ASAP so the planning can start soon.

FUNDRAISING – Sonia Heck Sonia is new to the position. Sherri is to get information to Sonia on the cash lottery. It would be good to get going this

season on selling of Sobeys cards. Sherri is working on getting more info on this. Other fundraising ideas are coffee sales and calendar sales. We will also be working a casino in December. Troy will get information on the Web. Discussion followed on fundraising ideas. LMH had applied to work 50/50's at an Oilers game, but we did not make it to the short list. Sonia to check if we need to reapply or if we are still on the list.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION – Sam Atsinger Being new to the position, Sam was wanting some guidance on evaluating the players.

NOVICE – Shawn Playford absent Troy reported that all teams were done and ready to play.

ATOM – Darin Gill/ Dwayne West Darin reported that all teams are made. All coaches are in place. All went quite well.

PEEWEE – Mike Kozak Teams start play on Saturday.

BANTAM – Herb Woltjer All teams done. Lost a few players. Third team has only 10 players.

MIDGET – Lisa Otto Lisa reported that there is also small numbers in Midget. 14 on top team, 13 on second team. 3-4 will be carded down so they can move between both teams. Coaches in place for the top team, still need coaches for the second team. If no coaches step forward the team may have to fold.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie absent

Troy was looking for feedback on the evaluation process. The goalie evaluation went well but did not need all the extra time. Maybe split time differently as Midget could have had more time. Darin said his main ice times were at 3:45pm and found it hard to get evaluators there. Discussion followed.

Players can be carded A down to B, B down to C. Teams can affiliate players from the next lower division. Lin has talked to our Zone rep for Hockey Alberta. She will get word out that we need players at both Bantam and Midget levels.

5. NEW BUSINESS None

6. NEXT MEETING The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 7:00 pm in Arena Upper Lobby.

7. ADJOURNMENT Troy adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.