

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
GENERAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 7:00 pm. Others in attendance were: Allen Brown, Leon Heck, Darcy Arnold, Dawn Pecharsky, Bruce Miller, Cathy White, Bret Kennedy, Shauna Kachnic, Edwin Woodrow, Dave Johnson, Mike Kozak, Denny Pannenbecker, Gary Parmar, Dave Braun, Mike Partington, Ivor Bernatsky, Michelle Pierson, Connie Lofstrand, Kari Pilote, Nick Pilote, Doug Crawford, Cam Sissons, Gary Davidson, Boyd Williams, David Maris, Herb Woltjer, Deb Salmon, Wendy Mulder, Troy Gillard, Fern Penstone, Rhonda Brandon.

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Lisa Otto moved to accept the minutes from the past General Meeting as presented. Sandi Gouchie seconded. Carried.**
  
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Troy Rider  
The Financial Statement was reviewed by the group. Donna asked about the loss of Hockey School Revenue. She questioned if there were other ways to make up the loss. Troy said LMH will possibly try other fundraising ideas. We also have a casino to work this year and more revenue to come from clinics. Donna wanted it noted in the minutes that LMHA should look at raising fees so there won't be such a loss in future. **Donna Williams moved to accept the Financial Statement as presented. Lisa Otto seconded the motion. Carried.**

**Rebels Game** The game is set for this Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Planning is all done. Volunteers and helpers are all in place. Sunny 94 is involved to promote the event. The Fire Department will set up a BBQ for the tailgate party from 6-7 pm. There will be burgers, hotdogs, pop and chips

**Vacant LMHA Operating Committee Positions** There are 4 positions to be filled on the operating committee: Tournament Chair, Fundraising Coordinator, Upper Referee Assigner and Lower Referee Assigner. These are all important, busy positions that need to be filled.

Discussion followed with brief job descriptions of the open positions.

**Dawn Pecharsky volunteered to take the position of Tournament Chair.**

Lin Luymes has been doing double duty as Registrar and Fundraising Coordinator for the last two years. The Registrar position is a busy one in itself and takes up much of her time. We need someone to step into the role of Fundraising Coordinator.

Discussion followed on job descriptions of Referee Assigners and Ice Convener. Some associations have gone to compensating their Assigners and Ice Conveners. We need short and long term plans on how to fill the positions.

More discussion followed. Key points being:

- How they might be compensated.
- How the policies and bylaws would need to be changed.
- Hiring a General Manager to take on these roles.
- LMH not ready financially to hire a Manager yet.
- Setting up a committee to explore the idea of a Manager.

**Lisa Otto moved to form a committee to look into hiring a paid employee for duties described by the association. Edwin Woodrow seconded. 0 opposed. Carried.**

**Team Pictures** A volunteer is needed to coordinate team pictures. They will need to find potential photographers, work with deadlines. Discussion followed. Michelle Pierson and Connie Lofstrand volunteered to coordinate pictures.

**Clive/Bentley/Blackfalds Update** Clive is planning on having a Midget team, but no Bantam. They have 11 Midgets registered.

- Bentley will have Initiation, Novice and Bantam teams.
  - Blackfalds is planning on having a Bantams, but no Midget team.
- Discussion followed on how we proceed with our teams. Do we put our teams on hold until everyone else is done? Maybe LMH should have a deadline in place. Troy said we still need to work with these associations, so all kids will have a chance to play. We'll just have to wait until they are all done.

**Tryout Ice Schedule** The schedule is out. Directors will be contacting everyone. It will be up to the directors if they want to contact by phone, email or just post their information on the LMHA website. Teams should be finalized by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teams should have 7 skates each, 2 free skates to get their legs and 5 evaluation skates.

**LMHA Special Events** LMHA has 5 regular division tournaments scheduled, plus ice booked in March for some team to host Provincial. The tournament dates are:

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

The Provincial weekend is open for potential teams wanting to host Provincials. Please contact Troy if your team wants to be considered. All information will be posted on the LMHA Website.

**Directors, Coaches, Managers Meetings** There are several meetings soon to take place. Meetings will go over policies, procedures, guidelines and more. This is to ensure all teams start out on the right track. More information on these meetings on the LMHA Website. There will also be a North Central Manager meeting to come. All teams should be represented at this meeting.

**On Ice Coaches** Hockey Alberta recommends that all coaches wear helmets on ice. This is a safety precaution.

**Coaches Clinics** Coach clinics have been requested and will be set up. They are as follows:

<b>Coach Level</b>	<b>October 18 or October 25</b>
<b>Safety</b>	<b>October 19 or November 2</b>
<b>Speakout</b>	<b>October 12 or October 26</b>
<b>Checking Skills</b>	<b>October 4 or October 5</b>

Referee Clinic is scheduled for September 27/28. **Please contact Rick Plante for more details. 782-6689**

**Tiering Novice** Some other associations are talking about tiering their Novice teams. (Innisfail, Rocky, Sylvan) There has been a big push to tier. Troy was looking for feedback on this subject and if it was something LMH would be interested in. Discussion followed on pros and cons. Discussion tabled.

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

TREASURER – Sherri Straub – Nothing to report.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes – Lin reported that there are approx. 300 players registered. Numbers are continually changing.

40 Female 173 Atom-Midget 85 Initiation-Novice

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Sheldon Kuhn/Kevin Frank – They have been working hard to get jerseys and pucks to all teams. There are 79 pinneys to use for evaluations, make sure all get back in room after evaluation sessions.

COACH MENTOR – OPEN Nothing to report.

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett absent – Troy reported that Shawn has been working hard at hitting up local businesses. Will be collecting fees soon. LMH is going with a new system of sponsorship.

Bronze sponsor \$500 and less. May be an individual or business wanting to donate to his own son's/daughter's team.

Silver sponsor \$500 and less. This is an individual or business wanting to be a tournament sponsor.

Gold Sponsor \$500 to \$1500 This is an individual or business wanting to be a team sponsor. This money may pay for jerseys every year.

Platinum Sponsor Individual or business donating more than \$1500 to LMHA. LMHA had a platinum sponsor last season wishing to remain anonymous.

We will be working with the Globe and Sunny 94 for publicity. Teams are to get scores into the paper and Radio Station every week. The Globe is implementing a sports Feature of the Week. All teams get info in to the paper.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger – Sam reported that we were all set up for the Rebels game. Hopefully all goes well.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Chad Kanngiesser Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante – Clinics are set up. Ref rates have gone up this year \$5 a game and \$.02 a km.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – OPEN Nothing to report

FUNDRAISING – OPEN Nothing to report.

#### **4. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

INITIATION – Sam Atsinger – We will be holding a Chevy Fun Jamboree. Will be working to set it up. There will be on and off ice activities.

NOVICE – Shawn Playford – Needs a list of parents' phone numbers.

ATOM – Darin Gill/Dwayne West – Just getting rolling. Have first ice tomorrow.

PEEWEE – Mike Kozak – We have 43 players registered, need evaluators.

BANTAM – Herb Woltjer – Everyone has been contacted for free skate.

MIDGET – Lisa Otto – Took over the position yesterday. Will be contacting everyone.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie – We have good numbers at Midget. Bantam level needs players. Atom and Pee wee have low numbers. Pee wees and Atoms can go elsewhere if there is no team for them. We have three Bentley girls at Midget. No Bentley Bantams, they may have gone to Sylvan. We may have to pull some Pee wees up to Bantam to make a team.

All players must have paid their fees and have all pledge sheets signed before they can go on the ice. The \$50 Import fee has to be paid beforehand. Players are not considered imports if there is no team for their division in their town.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- Rick reported that there is a new rule change this season. All face-offs will be on a face-off dot.
- Leon asked about Provincial Categorization. Troy said it is not finalized yet, probably at the Zone meeting. Hockey Alberta has to look at numbers again before making a decision.

- Boyd asked about teams entering Provincials. Will we make a ruling on them having to be in the top half of the league standings to enter as there were so many last year? Troy said any team can enter if they think they will be competitive. Teams entering Provincials must pay their own non-refundable entrance fee.
- Lisa asked about concerns about playing in Hobbema, following all the violence there as of late. Troy will send a note out, to be discussed at the Zone meeting.
- Team reps need to attend all LMHA operating committee meetings, as to get all information passed onto parents, players, coaches and teams.
- A Fundraising Coordinator is needed. The Cash Lottery has to be applied for. We are already 2 months behind. Once we get the go ahead on this it will be no problem to get the tickets printed and passed out quickly.
- Troy asked if anyone was interested in forming the committee to discuss the hiring of a General Manager. Ivor Bernatsky, Fern Penstone and Donna Williams all volunteered to sit on this committee.
- LMH needs a plan in place now for ref assigners. Don't need Initiation/Novice refs for a month, but will need someone to assign Atom and up. Directors maybe mention to parents that hockey may not go ahead without these positions being filled. We need qualified people to fill the jobs. Maybe do this at your parents meeting after the teams are picked.
- **Denny Pannenbecker volunteered to be the Lower Referee Assigner.**
- Referees have to be 12 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup> to take the clinic and ref. Rick reported that a fellow by the name of Curtis Nicholson wants to meet with all parents, directors, managers, and coaches to discuss the importance of refs and showing support and respect to them. Rick to coordinate, maybe at coaches meeting.

**6. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 7:00 pm Arena Upper Lobby. Troy will try to set up meetings for every third Thursday of the month.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** Troy adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.