MINUTES OF A MEETING OF

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY (“LMHA”)**

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

HELD IN EQUIPMENT ROOM OF ARENA

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 @7:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Troy Rider Chad Kanngiesser

Jeff Heindel Gord McLennan

HerbWoltjer Tom Fisher

Darin Gill Al Brown

Mike Kozak Sam Atsinger

Sheldon Kuhn Jenna Klippert

**CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY:**

Troy Rider occupied the Chair and Jenna Klippert acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Further to the September 2, 2009 meeting, Troy advised that this meeting had been called in order to discuss the research of past minutes and the question of LMHA accepting imports at different levels within our association, in particular the Pee Wee level. Troy brought forward all motions located on this subject from 2000 on, the latest being Minutes from 2006 wherein Sandy Jardine had made the motion, which was passed, that the import decision be left up to the executive within the guidelines of Hockey Alberta.

Troy asked for input from Committee members and commented that he could not find anything that says there can be no imports at the Pee Wee level. Chad said that he believes we should do it not only at the Bantam and Midget levels but also at the Atom and Pee Wee levels to make them more competitive. This year, Troy said that we can take 1 player and still stay at A level but this changes each year with the new Provincial Categorization Model. Mike pointed out that this Model may change again next year based on this year’s numbers with Hockey Alberta and that we should also be prepared to make changes each year.

Mike reviewed our current numbers and the number of imports that were evaluated at the Pee Wee level this season. There are currently 4 being evaluated with numbers. Their community (Clive) is unsure if they will have a team or not and the teams do not have to be on paper with Hockey Alberta until October 15, 2009. If their communities release them to us, then we have their numbers from evaluation. Gord asked for clarification that for the players coming in at the Pee Wee level, we take the numbers of the association that they are currently in and those kids do not affect our total number to which Troy confirmed and gave an example. Troy said that so far, releases have been denied for these kids trying out but they may give us 1. Troy said that tomorrow night is the deadline for registered teams and that then the schedule starts to be made by North Central. We will know more what the surrounding communities are doing after that. Troy has also had discussions with Blackfalds in regards to their numbers.

**MOTION MADE:**

***Gord McLennan made a motion that LMHA will accept imports at the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget levels due to changes in the new Provincial Categorization for the 2009-2010 hockey season which decision will thereafter be reviewed each year by the Operating Committee who will then determine the import levels per division. Mike Kozak seconded. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, unanimously carried.***

Mike said that the imports would be easy to place if they come and if Clive does not have a team, then we may get 6 kids.

Brief discussion followed on the Midget girls and issues in their division this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.